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SUBEBMGTVD OVERDUE PAYMENTS OF FERTIPLAN S. A. AND FERTIBASE S. A.

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1. CONVERSATION WITH MARCOS POLACOW, PRESIDENT OF FERTIPLAN/
FERTIBASE (SEE WTDRSGZOG PWKLO 0260 & 0259 DATED 2/2/77)
CONFIRMED CASH FLOW DIFFICULTIES OF SUBJECT FIRM AND CR\$100 MILLION LOAN FROM CAIXA ECONOMICA FEDERAL.

2. TELEPHONE CALL TO MR. MIGUEL ETHEL, ECONOMIST WITH MINISTERIO DA FAZENDA IN SAO PAULO CONFIRMED THAT CR\$100 MILLION LOAN TO FERTIPLAN/FERTIBASE HAD BEEN APPROVED BY MINISTERIO DA FAZENDA AND MONEY SHOULD BE ISSUED BY CAIXA ECONOMICA FEDERAL IN 30-45 DAYS. COLLATERAL FOR LOAN IS FERTIPLAN'S IDUSTRIAL PLANT IN CUBATAO AS WELL AS PART OF ITS ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IN SAO PAULO. ACCORDING TO ETHEL, CAIXA ECONOMICA FEDERAL MONEY WILL BE ISSUED DIRECTLY TO FERTIPLAN/FERTIBASE CREDITORS COVERED BY EXIMBANK GUARANTEES. POLACOW, HOWEVER, ASSUMED MONEY WOULD BE DELIVERED IN A LUMP SUM TO FERTIPLAN/FERTIBASE ACCOUNT TO BE PART OF THE FIRM'S WORKING CAPITAL. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. LATEST FINANCIAL DATA ON FERTIPLAN/FERTIBASE FOR 1976 INDICATES SERIOUS DECLINE IN LIQUID PROFITS, RAPID GROWTH IN PRODUCTION AND FINANCING COSTS, AND DECLINE IN LIQUID MARGIN FIRM IS CURRENTLY BEING HURT (IN JAN-FEB 1977) BY DECREASED FERTILIZER SALES CAUSED BY: 1) STOCKPILING BY FARMERS IN 1976, IN THE FACE OF REMOVAL OF FERTILIZER SUBSIDY, (2) THE SEASONAL

SALES DECLINE AT FIRST OF THE YEAR, AND (3) GOVERNMENT INDE-
CISION AS TO FERTILIZER POLICY.
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